

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's Amendments filed on October 30, 2009 have been respectfully acknowledged. It is confirmed that claims 37, 39, 40, 48, 49, 51, and 52 as amended and added claim 62 not introduce any new matter. Claims 37-55 and 62 are pending for examination.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 37-55 and 62 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jerome Smith on December 31, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 37, line 12: prior to "engagement", --station verifies docking—has been added

Claim 37, line 14: replace "configured for detecting" with --detects passing of--.

Claim 45, line 14: prior to "engagement", --station verifies docking—has been added.

Claim 48, line 9: "energy level" has been replaced by --voltage energy threshold level; and verifies docking engagement when the voltage energy threshold has been reached--

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RODNEY KING whose telephone number is (571) 270-7823. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30am - 5:00pm Monday - Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Khoi Tran can be reached on (571) 272-6919. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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